

Fish and Game League.

The Mid-Winter Banquet in Burlington.

The Vermont Fish and Game League had its mid-winter banquet and meeting at the Van Ness House, Burlington, on the 23d. There was a large attendance, including many distinguished guests. Over 300 members, from all sections of the state, participated. Forty new members were elected, making the total now over 800.

The banquet was a fine spread and the scene in the dining room was a decidedly animated one. A feature of the menu was the serving of the Belgian hare, which was furnished by the Belgian Hare Importing Co. of Beloit, Me., through F. W. Hastings of St. Johnsbury. The delicacy was new to many of those present and its edible qualities were highly commented on.

President Roosevelt sent the following message, which was read by President Titcomb of the League:

"I have received through the courtesy of Senator Proctor your cordial invitation to be the guest of the League at its banquet Thursday evening. I thank you heartily and regret that my engagements make it impossible for me to accept. Please extend to those present my cordial greetings and good wishes. I shall always cherish a warm remembrance of your League."

Regrets were also received from Gov. Sweeney, Dr. W. Seward Webb and others. A resolution was unanimously adopted asking that all net fishing be prohibited in Lake Champlain in the spring of the year in New York, Vermont and the Province of Quebec.

President Titcomb cordially welcomed the Canadian members of the North American Protective Association. He also spoke of the efficiency of the present game warden system, saying that one warden in a place with the qualities of a good sheriff would do more effective work than is accomplished under the present system.

Mayor Halley was introduced as toastmaster, and made a short speech. Other speakers were L. K. Jones of Quebec, Dr. M. P. Maurice of Montgomery, Dr. Drummond, D. G. Smith of New Brunswick, Dr. Brainerd and E. T. D. Chambers of Quebec.

Retired Officers Remembered.

Since the announcement of Capt. Henry W. Ellis' retirement from the command of Co. D, V. N. G., a committee from the company has been arranging for something in the way of a farewell send off for that popular officer and Lieut. E. H. Bazin, who resigned some time ago. This occurred at Red Men's Hall Saturday evening, and was largely attended by present and former members of the company. The former officers were invited to a smoke talk at the hall, and soon learned that they were the guests of honor. The occasion became more of a surprise when Capt. C. A. Colley, on behalf of Company D, presented to Capt. Ellis a valuable sword scabbard pin, and the uniform and sword which he wore while in command of the company during the Spanish-American war. Lieut. Bazin was also the recipient of the uniform and sword which he wore during the memorable summer. Both gentlemen were much pleased with the gifts and thanked the company heartily. Aside from the presentation ceremony it was an evening of smoke talks, and good ones too, for Albert J. Gale repeated his interesting story of Philippine service given before the band a few weeks ago, and John V. Orcutt read a highly interesting paper on the history of the old Vermont Brigade, and also read an interesting incident of the battle of Gettysburg to illustrate the valor of American troops as compared with that of other nations. During the evening refreshments were served and the occasion will be remembered as a very pleasant one by those who participated in it.

Church Notes.

Preaching by the pastor at the First Baptist church next Sunday. Subject of morning discourse, "The Voice of Wisdom"; evening, "The Parable of the Virgins."

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Odd Fellows' block, Sunday morning service at 10:45, subject, "Spirit." Sunday school following the morning service. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. The reading room is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 5.

Next Sunday will be observed as Christian Endeavor day at the Free Baptist church. The sermon in the morning will be in harmony with the day, being upon the great Christian Endeavor movement. The evening services will be of special interest. At 6 o'clock there will be a union Christian Endeavor prayer meeting. At 7 o'clock the pastor will conduct a recognition service of the newly elected officers and committees of the Christian Endeavor society, to be followed by an address by Rev. E. E. Grant of East St. Johnsbury. Miss Lucy Woods will sing a solo.

At the Church of the Messiah next Sunday the pastor will preach on the topic, "Preaching the Gospel to the World." Preparations are being made for a special service at this church Sunday evening, Feb. 9, in commemoration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Chamberlin Post No. 1 has accepted an invitation to be present in a body, and the sermon will be preached by the pastor.

Landlord Black Notified.

M. J. Calbeck, owner of the Avenue House block, has notified Landlord F. M. Black of that hotel that he must vacate the premises by Feb. 1; and refers him to the statute in such case made and provided. Mr. Calbeck undoubtedly takes this action to avert the possibility of an injunction being placed on his property.

Prize Contest.

On Thursday evening of this week, the date of McKinley's birthday, at 7:30, in G. A. R. hall, competitive patriotic prize essays will be presented, under the auspices of Chamberlin Relief Corps. Several boys and girls have handed in essays to Supt. Dempsey, and a lively and interesting meeting is assured. The contestants will read their own productions before a committee consisting of National President Calista K. Jones of Bradford, Prof. D. V. Comstock and Rev. E. M. Chapman of our town. The make-up of the committee is a guarantee of perfect fairness in the awards.

The boys' subjects "Life of McKinley"; the girls', "History of the Flag." A first and second prize will be given upon each subject. The Relief Corps giving the first and the Post the second. The former will be presented to the successful contestants by Mrs. Juliet Lawton, president of the Corps, the latter by D. E. May, commander of the Post. Short addresses will be made by the awarding committee, the school board and others, if time permits.

After the exercises light refreshments will be served, and a social hour enjoyed. This meeting will be open to the public. It will be an inauguration, by our own W. K. C., in a most commendable way, of the observance of an event, destined to be one of the most conspicuous in history. All citizens interested in our public schools and the instilling of patriotism into the minds of our public school scholars, from which source our late lamented President sprang, are especially invited.

At Grace Methodist church Sunday morning Maj. Ethel Gault of the Salvation Army will preach. In the evening the pastor will give the last in the poet series, the subject being "Oliver Wendell Holmes."

A Growing Institution.

The annual meeting of the Merchants' Association was held Tuesday evening of last week and these officers were elected: President, L. N. Smythe; Vice president, Daid Frechette; Secretary and Treasurer, C. H. Bagley; Auditors, George Ranney, F. A. Scott. The treasurer's report showed that the receipts from dues and new members during the year were \$1441.54, and the total expenditures, \$1273.52. The secretary's report was an interesting review of the year's work, and included several letters from members praising the work of the association. During the year 1017 names were added to the cash customer list, making the present total 4049, and 50 names were removed. The list of bankrupts was increased by nine, and now numbers 35. In membership the association increased 190 during the year, making a total of 1262, residing in 129 villages, towns and cities of New England. The CALEDONIAN has frequently called attention to the work of the Merchants' association, and is glad to do so because it is a local institution that has, by excellent management, extended its work over a large part of New England, and is growing in favor continually. Secretary Bagley devotes his entire time to the work and to him is due the credit for the efficiency and success of the association. The secretary began the year well by a trip down the state, during which he secured nine new members in Windsor; ten in Bellows Falls and two in Hartland.

Masonic District Meeting.

The 25th annual convocation of the 12th Masonic district was held in Masonic Hall, yesterday afternoon and evening, with good delegations from every lodge in the district attending. Among the well known Masons present were: Grand Master Charles R. Montague of Woodstock; Grand Lecturer Albert K. Bush of Orwell; Grand Secretary Warren G. Reynolds of Burlington; Past Grand Masters W. Scott Noy, now of Dorchester, Mass., and N. P. Bowman and D. M. Bacon of St. Johnsbury; Col. E. C. Benton of Boston, Deputy Grand Master O. W. Daley of White River Junction, and Grand Junior Warden C. A. Calderwood of St. Johnsbury, Grand Senior Warden Walter E. Ranger of Johnson.

The meeting was held under the direction of District Deputy Grand Master William M. Rich of West Concord. In the afternoon, Washburn Lodge, of Danville, Ashley J. Goss, master; exemplified the entered apprentice degree, and in the evening; Passumpsic Lodge, E. L. Spencer, master, exemplified the third degree. At 6:30 a supper was served by the ladies of Mystic Star Chapter No. 2, E. O. S.

Over 200 partook of supper and this number was increased to about 250 at the evening session. After the work, speechmaking was indulged in, the grand officers and Col. Benton being the principal speakers. A noteworthy event of the evening was the presentation of a diamond studded past grand master's jewel to Dr. W. Scott Noy. The jewel was the gift of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and the presentation was graciously made by Delos M. Bacon. Dr. Noy responded in his usual happy manner. The meeting was one of the best ever held in the district and Mr. Rich and those having the arrangements in charge are entitled to much praise for their work in making it so great a success.

Fatal Explosion.

Five persons were killed, hundreds hurt and a million dollars damage was done by an explosion of nitro-gelatin in the New York subway, at 41st street and Park avenue, on Monday.

The Danish national flag is the oldest in the world, having been used since 1219.

There are only four states in the country which have more than a million voters each, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois.

The December assessment for Philadelphia shows 342,890 citizens entitled to vote, this being an increase of 8,801 over the assessment of 1900.

Thomas Fleming, a purser of the Cunard line, has completed his 920th voyage across the Atlantic, and will retire on returning to Liverpool.

England has had a beer tax ever since the twelfth century. Last year it yielded the government the sum of \$67,500,000.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY

Details of the Two Routes from St. Johnsbury Post Office.

Rural free delivery on the two routes from St. Johnsbury post office mentioned recently, is now an assured fact. Postmaster Hazen having received authority to establish them March 1, together with the official notification that Harry A. Chesley and Ernest F. Sherburne have been appointed carriers, and Hartwell D. Moore, substitute carrier. The route to be followed, as laid down by special agent W. W. Sawyer, will be as follows:

Route 1, beginning at the post office, the carrier will go east and south to Higgins' Corner 1 1/4 miles. Thence south to Globestown Farm 1 1/4 miles. Thence east to Richardson's Corner 3/4 mile. Thence south to Curtis' Corner 3/4 miles. Thence northeast to Green's Corner 1 1/4 miles. Thence east to Remick's Corner 1/2 mile. Thence north and northwest to Ladd's farm 2 1/4 miles. Thence back to Farnham's Corner 1 mile. Thence east and northeast to Young's Corner 1 1/4 miles. Thence north and northwest to Graves' Corner 2 1/4 miles. Thence west to post office 3 1/4 miles. Total length of route 20 1/4 miles; area covered 15 square miles; number of houses on route 87; population served 391; Carrier, H. A. Chesley.

Route 2, begins at the post office, thence north to Penman's Corner 1 1/2 miles. Thence west to Emerson's corner 1 1/2 miles. Thence north to Harlow's Corner 1 1/4 miles. Thence back to Four Corner schoolhouse 1/2 mile. Thence north to Goss Hollow 1 1/2 miles. Thence northeast to Bradley's Corner 3/4 miles. Thence north to Cole Corner schoolhouse 1 1/2 miles. Thence west to Houghton's Corner 1 mile. Thence south to Chickering's mill 3 miles. Thence northwesterly to Palmer's Corner 2 miles. Thence south and southwest to turnpike 1 1/2 miles. Thence southeast and south to Pumpkin Hill schoolhouse 1 mile. Thence east and northeast to turnpike 1 mile. Thence southeast to Fairbanks' lumber yard 2 1/4 miles. Thence south to Fair Grounds 1 1/4 miles. Thence north to post office 1 1/4 miles. Total length of route 22 miles; area covered 15 square miles; number of houses on route 101. Population 454; carrier, E. F. Sherburne.

A brief outline of the purpose of the free rural delivery system and the rules governing it will be of interest especially to those living on the routes. The movement is a new one, but it has had a wonderful growth, and it is now an assured fact that before many years it will cover practically the entire country. Because of the interest of our congressmen in the matter, Vermont has been particularly fortunate in having routes established, and almost without exception the move has been received with great favor. The carrier is practically a traveling postmaster. He is authorized to sell postage stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes. He registers letters, but does not issue money orders. He carries a supply of money order blanks, however, and if the patrons choose to make him their agent to mail the order when it is issued at the postoffice, they may do so; otherwise it will be delivered to the purchaser on the next trip. The carrier may collect mail from one patron and deliver it to another on the same route, without depositing it in a postoffice, the rate being two cents per ounce. The patrons must provide boxes, approved by the department for the reception of mail, before the routes are established, and they must be placed so the carrier can reach them without leaving his vehicle. E. F. Sherburne is agent for two of the most popular boxes, and they are on exhibition at the post office.

There is no doubt that the move will be as popular here as elsewhere. Most of the families on route 2 are patrons of the local postoffice and the route is an ideal one. On route 1 the postoffice at Gaskill has been discontinued, and it is stated that the West Waterford office will be abolished March 1. The carriers will leave the office at 7 a. m., and it is expected the trip will be made in less than six hours, although they are not required to reach the office until evening. There is some opposition to the system on the West Waterford route because the afternoon mail will not be delivered until the next day, whereas it now reaches West Waterford by stage in the evening. On the other hand, most of the mail for that vicinity comes on the night trains and remains here during the day.

The salary of the carriers is \$500 a year, including team hire, but this is likely to be increased during the present session of congress to \$600 a year. The carriers are allowed to transact other business for the patrons in the way of doing errands, but must not carry express matter. The carriers and substitutes appointed are all competent young men, and it is hoped that the arrangement may prove beneficial to the many patrons.

Mountain Climbing on Ropes.

One of the most startling moving pictures of the age is that depicting a party of mountain guides in the famous Alps in Switzerland, ascending a lofty precipice on the face of the celebrated Wetterhorn peak. The precipice is almost perpendicular and is hundreds of feet in height. Up over this wall of rock, that looks utterly insurmountable, the guides are seen to clamber, hand over hand, on a strong rope, their bodies being silhouetted against the cliff, like a fly on a house, hundreds of feet above the clouds. The men are seen to struggle with all their might as the feat is a most difficult one and they have to exert all their strength and muscles to get up over this lofty barrier in order to reach the summit of the peak, that rears its head 12,166 feet above sea level and is perpetually covered with ice and snow. This scene and many more of a like nature will be seen at the Lyman H. Howe moving picture show at Music Hall, February 6, for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A.

New York city is to have a children's theater, patterned after one in Boston, which pays good dividends.

Of one thousand parts of the moon, 576 are visible to us on the earth; 424 parts remain hidden absolutely to man's eyes.

A GREAT WORK.

What Mrs. Hunt Has Done.

A reception at Mrs. Mary H. Hunt's in Boston, Saturday evening, was a notable culmination of a great work. In 1898 Mrs. Hunt came to Vermont with her great watchword, "Save the children today and you save the nation tomorrow." She said "Teach them what alcohol is and what it does in cider, beer, wine or brandy, and you will save some who would otherwise be lost through drink."

The legislators heard her plea and enacted the law she drafted. Since that time she has written a similar, though stronger bill which the United States congress enacted into law, as has every state in the Union, culminating in the passage of a scientific temperance instruction law in Georgia at the last session of its legislature. To celebrate this great achievement in national life was the object of the distinguished gathering which met Saturday evening to congratulate the author, promoter and defender of the completed work.

Some of the incidents of these campaigns are thrilling and some are heart-breaking. The first Vermont law had no organized opposition. The first New York law was a campaign of education in the country districts. Mrs. Hunt made the campaign in the dead of winter. One morning she was called at five o'clock to take an open stage for her evening appointment. It had snowed all night and a fierce wind was piling it in ever-increasing ridges, while the cold became hourly more intense. Finally the horse could not proceed a rod further until the driver had trodden a path for him and then came back to lead him through. All luggage had long ago been thrown away. Mrs. Hunt was freezing, but every time the driver gave up in despair she would say, "I cannot die, my work is not finished. You must go on." They reached their destination and she was unconscious, and through the awful hours of agony which supervened, her mutterings were all of life and work for the children. It was about this time that she succeeded in securing a series of Physiologies to meet the requirement of the new laws. Then a flood of vituperation descended upon her everywhere. Wherever a new law was passed the clamor arose, "A book job. I would give \$20,000 for what she will make out of the books of this law passes." When all the publishing houses had books as the law required, then that cry was silenced. "Inaccuracy" was the next charge, but as Joseph Cook once said, "Mrs. Hunt has the largest and most valuable library in the world on the effects of alcohol on the human body, which enabled her to meet every attack with the authority of great names."

Finally Prof. Atwater made a startling discovery—alcohol is a food—Mrs. Hunt answers this last charge of false teaching in the Boston Transcript as follows:

Public School Physiology.
The report given to the press of the meeting of the New York State Science Teachers' Association, Dec. 28, says Prof. Atwater stated that "the teaching in the public schools of the effects of alcohol upon the human system was not in accord with the latest scientific knowledge. The kind and amount of such instruction, he contended should be determined by educators rather than temperance reformers."

Professor Atwater cited his own experiments, which he claimed were supported by Dr. Rosemann of Griefswald, Germany, in Edinger's Archiv for Physiology, as the latest scientific knowledge, with which he said the school physiologies are not in accord. But Dr. Rosemann in the article referred to distinctly says that the Atwater experiments did not prove that alcohol proted protein, one of the grounds on which Professor Atwater based his claim for food value of alcohol and his charge of error in the school text-books. Leading medical authorities in this country have also said that Professor Atwater's published experiments did not prove what he claimed they did. (See Journal of the American Medical Association, March 31, July 14, 1900; Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, March 8, Sept. 6, 1900; American Medicine, May 4, 11, 1901, etc.)

Dr. Rosemann's conclusion is: "It is generally agreed that alcohol can play no role in the nourishment of healthy men," and to its use in sickness he raises serious objections. The school physiologies deal only with the question of alcohol in health. Their teaching is that alcohol is not a food in the sense in which people understand the word food, i. e., as a substance which nourishes the body without injuring it.

Professor Atwater's sweeping charge of inaccuracy against all the indorsed physiologies is not therefore sustained on the point which he quotes against them by his deductions from his figures or by any authority he has been able to cite in support of these.

In view of Professor Atwater's evident purpose to destroy public confidence in the accuracy of the school physiologies, the public should know that no school literature is so thoroughly safeguarded as this. A standard as to what these books should teach was adopted by 200 eminent physicians, members of boards of health, legislators who voted for these laws, and others. A committee from these formed a part of the Advisory Board of the Scientific Department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who examine and indorse text-books conforming to this standard. This committee now consists of six physicians, four of whom are teachers in medical colleges, and three others interested in education and morals. Candid criticism of the book is always welcome, and, if sustained, subsequent editions are changed accordingly.

The school physiologies have not been written by "temperance reformers," as has been charged, but by such authors as H. Newell Martin, M. D., F. R. S., late professor of biology in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Winfield S. Hall, Ph. D., M. D. (Leipsic); professor of physiology in Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago; Henry F. Hewes, M. D., instructor in Harvard University Medical School, Boston. These men have not catered to a demand for what they did not believe. They studied the question and wrote what they found to be true. They are specialists in physiology and pathology, while Professor Atwater is only a chemist.

That educators, even though "capable, conservative and earnest," will be safer guides in ascertaining the exact truth on

this subject than these specialists is preposterous. MARY H. HUNT, World's and National Superintendent of the Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

A Japanese Superstition.

Writing exhaustively of dragon flies Lafcadio Hearn says in his book, "A Japanese Miscellany," of "the dragon fly of the dead:"

"Unlike the equally weird name 'yurei-tombo,' or 'ghost dragon fly,' the term shroud-tombo does not refer to the appearance of the insect, but to the strange belief that certain dragon flies are ridden by the dead, used as winged steeds."

"From the morning of the thirteenth to the midnight of the fifteenth day of the old seventh month—the time of the festival of the Bon—the dragon flies are said to carry the hotoke-sama, the august spirits of the ancestors, who then revisit their former homes. Therefore, during the Buddhist All Souls' children are forbidden to molest any dragon flies, especially dragon flies that may happen to enter the family dwelling."

"This supposed relation of dragon flies to the supernatural world helps to explain an old folk saying, still current in some provinces, to the effect that the child who catches dragon flies will never 'obtain knowledge.'"

How Frederick Stopped Dueling.

When Frederick the Great ascended the Prussian throne, fatal duels among officers were of daily occurrence. He resolved to put an end to the practice, and he did—for a time; as long as he reigned, in fact. He issued an edict that any officer fighting a duel and surviving would be shot or hanged.

Two officers appealed to him to be allowed to try to slay each other. Granted on two conditions, that he (the king) should choose the ground and be present at the encounter. Accepted.

Frederick chose the ground, attended the "meet" and took his seat behind the fine new gibbet he had erected in honor of the occasion. The combatants approached his majesty, saw the gibbet, became puzzled and embarrassed.

"What may this mean, your gracious majesty?" they ventured to ask. "It means this," was the suave reply—"that the man who survives will be hanged as high as Haman on that gibbet."

There was no duel.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The Camphor Eater.

It is surprising what a number of camphor eaters there are among the well to do classes. The idea seems to prevail that this gum, taken in small and regular doses, gives a peculiarly clear creaminess of complexion, and scores of young women buy it for this purpose. The habit is, moreover, very difficult to cast off, for camphor produces a mild form of exhilaration and stupefaction, and in many instances where very large doses have been swallowed the habit has become a sort of slavery.

These camphor eaters all have a dreamy, dazed and very listless air, and in most of them there is an ever present longing to sleep or at least to rest. Extreme weakness generally follows the taking of regular doses, and I have seen cases where it has been almost difficult to tell the effects from those of alcohol. As to the complexion, if a ghastly pallor be an improvement camphor certainly produces it.—Clinic.

A full-grown elephant can carry three tons on its back. Forests cover one-tenth of the surface of the world and one-quarter of Europe. A tablet is sunk in the floor of the Buffalo city hall to mark the spot where McKinley's body lay in state.

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I want an active agent in every county in the above territory, and if you will investigate, you will find that no better Company exists in the world, in all essential particulars, than this same old (58 years) Company; that no Company has made so large gains in all vital points, in proportion to business done; that no Company stands better financially, on the same basis; that no Company writes a more desirable contract; that no Company pays larger dividends on as liberal a policy; that no Company has a finer record and reputation for fair dealing with its policy holders; that no Company is easier to show up and solicit for, etc.

If you want to work for such a Company and write Insurance that is just as represented in all particulars, and have your friends perfectly satisfied in every way, I will